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91ST GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INTRODUCED BY REPRESENTATIVES JOHNSON (90), BARRY AND DAUS (Co-sponsors).

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AN ACT

To amend chapter 333, RSMo, by adding thereto one new section relating to funeral directors and embalmers.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the state of Missouri, as follows:

Section A. Chapter 333, RSMo, is amended by adding thereto one new section, to be
2 known as section 333.083, to read as follows:

- 333.083. 1. Prior to biannual renewal, every licensed funeral director and**
2 **embalmer, except persons holding retired licenses, shall complete at least eight hours of**
3 **professional development in courses approved by the state board. Any licensed funeral**
4 **director or embalmer who was licensed prior to January 1, 2002, and who is not the**
5 **funeral director in charge at any establishment, may be exempted from this requirement.**
6 **2. The state board shall develop rules for implementing the professional**
7 **development requirement including, but not limited to, procedures for approval of**
8 **programs, receipt of credit for teaching or moderating programs, receipt of credit for**
9 **writing scholarly articles, acceptance of course work from other states, and procedures for**
10 **regulating self-study credits. No rule or portion of a rule promulgated pursuant to the**
11 **authority of this section shall become effective unless it has been promulgated pursuant to**
12 **chapter 536, RSMo.**
13 **3. The state board shall not require that more than fifty percent of all required**
14 **course work include face to face contact between the instructor and the funeral director.**
15 **4. The licensee shall submit a statement of compliance and a list of programs**
16 **attended to the state board at the time of the biannual license. Such statement shall be on**
17 **a form provided by the state board and shall be signed by the licensee. The state board**
18 **shall take steps to ensure that submission of such statements is not unduly burdensome.**

19 **5. Persons unable to complete the required professional development hours may**
20 **be granted an extension upon request and upon submission of a plan to rectify the deficit.**

21 **6. The state board may approve providers of professional development course**
22 **work. Any course work in funeral service sponsored by such an approved provider shall**
23 **be considered approved without further action of the state board. The state board may set**
24 **such limitations on approval of providers as it deems appropriate. The state board may**
25 **revoke any such approval for cause.**